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ESCAPE OR RESCUE WINDOWS

Minimum Escape or Rescue Windows From Sleeping Rooms

2013 California Building Code, Section 1029 and 2013 California Residential Code, Section R310

A net clear opening is to be provided from normal operation of the opening. The opening is to be operational from inside without use of keys or tools. Grilles, grates or similar security devices are permitted under specific conditions. A complying window well is required for the below-grade opening.

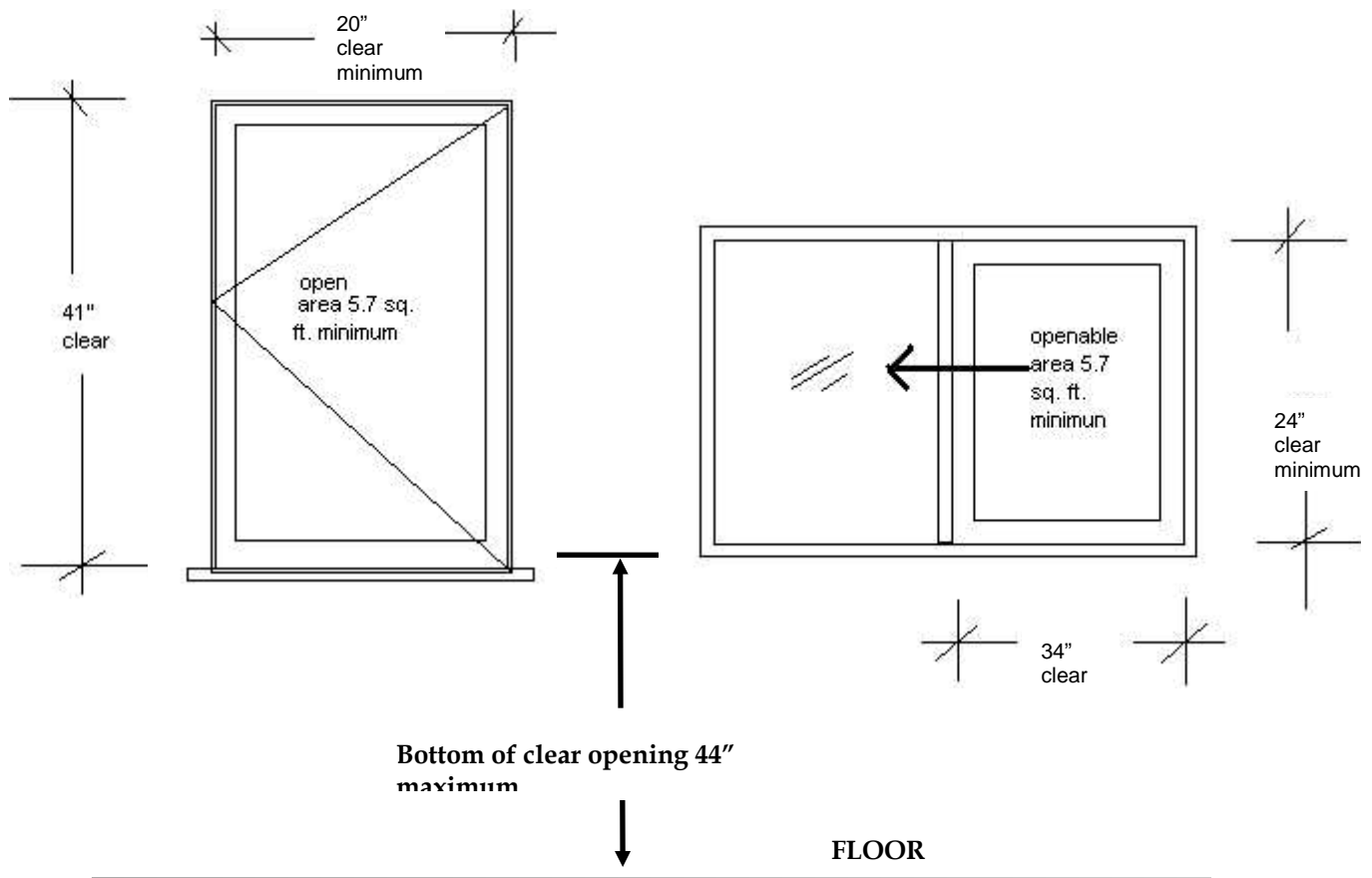
Minimum width of opening: 20 inches (508 mm)

Minimum height of opening: 24 inches (610 mm)

* Minimum net clear opening, Ground Floor: 5.0 square feet (0.465 m²)

Minimum net clear opening, other than Ground Floor: 5.7 square feet (0.530 m²)

Maximum height to the opening: 44 inches (1118 mm)



* The sill must be no more than 44" above the outside grade to use the smaller (5.0 square feet) window.